

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-6, and amend Claim 7 as shown below. Upon entry of these amendments, the status and text of the claims will be as follows:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7. (currently amended) A method of ~~treating~~ removing protein deposits from a contact lens, which comprises applying a cleaning composition to the lens, said composition comprising an effective amount of an anionic chitosan derivative that is soluble in aqueous solutions at a pH of 6.5 to 8.5 and is capable of complexing with lysozyme as a result of ionic interactions, and an ophthalmically acceptable aqueous vehicle for said chitosan derivative.

Claim 8. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the chitosan derivative has a molecular weight of 500 to 10,000,000 Daltons.

Claim 9. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the chitosan derivative is selected from the group consisting of sulfuryl chitosan, phosphoryl chitosan, carboxymethyl chitosan, dicarboxymethyl chitosan, succinyl chitosan, and combinations thereof.

Claim 10. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the chitosan derivative comprises carboxymethyl chitosan.

Claim 11. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition is a multi-purpose solution for cleaning and disinfecting contact lenses.

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Claim 12. (original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition is a product for wetting contact lenses.